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## Agent Says John Walker Recruited Brother as Spy

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NORFOLK, Va., June 12 — Arthur J. Walker was recruited as a spy for the Soviet Union in early 1980, a month before he found a job here with a private Navy contracting concern from which he has admitted taking classified documents, a Federal agent testified today.

The agent, Beverly Andress of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said Mr. Walker, who retired from the Navy in 1973 as a lieutenant commander, was recruited for espionage by his younger brother, John A. Walker Jr., a retired Navy communications specialist. Both men, along with John Walker's son Michael, a Navy yeoman, and Jerry A. Whitworth, a retired Navy radioman on the West Coast, have been charged with espionage.

Miss Andress testified at a preliminary hearing in Federal District Court in which Arthur Walker, 50 years old, was denied bail. The agent said her testimony was based on a confession that Arthur Walker made to her on May 24, four days before his arrest.

Mr. Walker was not asked to enter a plea today. United States Magistrate Gilbert R. Swink Jr. set an arraignment hearing in Federal District Court for next Tuesday. Meanwhile, Mr. Walker is to remain in an isolation cell at the Virginia Beach city jail.

### Brother Linked to Job Change

Under questioning by Tommy E. Miller, an Assistant United States Attorney, Miss Andress testified that Arthur Walker told her and another agent on May 24, when he was being interrogated, that in January 1980 John Walker, who is 47, had "suggested" to his older brother "that he should get a job where he would have access to classified information."

Records at the VSE Corporation, a military contractor which does classified research and analysis for bases in the sprawling Hampton Roads Navy complex here, show that Arthur Walker obtained an engineering job in February 1980 at the company's office in Chesapeake, Va., and was cleared for access to classified material.

According to F.B.I. statements filed earlier with the court, Arthur Walker's May 24 statement included his confession that in April 1982 he received \$12,000 from his brother for copies of classified Navy reports taken from the VSE Corporation files.

The bureau said the documents were classified as "confidential" and were reports on malfunctioning equipment on amphibious landing ships.

### 'Jerry' Made 'Big Bucks'

Miss Andress testified that Arthur Walker said he had asked his brother what he did with the classified documents and was told that "he delivered them to the Russians."

According to other Government affidavits, Arthur Walker told the F.B.I. that at one point — it was not clear when — his brother urged him to "operate like Jerry," who was "making big bucks" by passing classified Navy documents in California.

The bureau said this was a reference to Mr. Whitworth, a longtime friend and former shipmate of John Walker. Mr. Whitworth, 45, was arrested June 3 in San Francisco and charged with espionage as the fourth member of the alleged spy ring.

Michael Walker, a 22-year-old sailor serving aboard the aircraft carrier Nimitz in the Mediterranean when he was arrested, was charged with espionage on May 23. He and his father have pleaded not guilty.

### Navy Record Was Unblemished

Arthur Walker had an unblemished record in the Navy and a reputation as a quiet but steady community leader in a comfortable, upper-middle-class subdivision of suburban Virginia Beach.

But in January 1980, an automobile stereo radio sales shop that the two brothers incorporated in 1979 collapsed financially. The Walkers were left with unpaid bills and a \$28,807 lien by the Internal Revenue Service for unpaid taxes.

Samuel W. Meekins Jr., one of two court-appointed defense attorneys for Arthur Walker, told the court today that the VSE Corporation had placed his client on leave without pay and that his only other income was his retirement pay of about \$20,000 a year. Because there have been cost-of-living increases in military retirement pay since then, the figure would have been somewhat less in 1980.

Arguing for Arthur Walker's release on \$60,000 bail, roughly the value of his and his wife's equity in their Carolane Farms home, Mr. Meekins disputed arguments by Mr. Miller, the prosecutor, that Mr. Walker might flee to the Soviet Union.

### 'A Right to Be Protected'

"He could be of great value to any hostile power," Mr. Miller argued. "He could be an analyst and could convey information."

"They wouldn't touch him with a 10-foot pole," Mr. Meekins said.

But Magistrate Swink, saying that "the citizens of the United States have a right to be protected," denied bail. "Sixty thousand dollars doesn't interest this court at all," he said.

Speaking later of the Government's testimony, Mr. Meekins said that "the most they showed was an attempt" at espionage.

John Wagner, the F.B.I. special agent in charge in Norfolk, made a brief statement on the courthouse steps saying that the investigation was "making progress." He would not say whether there would be more arrests.